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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. DOCUMENTS

U.S. Patent No.	Issued	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,480,424	01/02/96	Cox
US 2001/0053931 A1	12/20/01	Hess et al.
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Other Art – Non-Patent Literature Documents

Badylak, Stephen F. et al., " <i>The Use of Xenogeneic Small Intestinal Submucosa as a Biomaterial for Achille's Tendon Repair in a Dog Model</i> ", Journal of Biomedical Materials Research, Vol. 29, pp. 977-985, August 1995.
Cobb, Mark A., M.D. et al., " <i>Histology After Dural Grafting With Small Intestinal Submucosa</i> ", Surg. Neurol, Vol. 46, No. 4, pp. 389-394, October 1996.
Copy of International Search Report from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/034583, dated 1/4/2005, 3 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

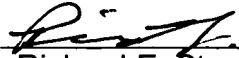
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Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	B1	5,480,424	01/02/96	Cox	623/2	11/93
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	B4	WO 98/22158	05/28/98	PCT		yes
	B5	WO 01/10355 A1	02/15/01	PCT		Yes
	B6	WO 2004/026190 A2	04/01/04	PCT		Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
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